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Human rights in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/201 of 23 December 1994,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/70 of 8 March 1995, 3/ in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to appoint an independent expert with the mandate to furnish assistance to the

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 3 and corrigenda (E/1995/23 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.

Government of Haiti in the area of human rights, to examine the development of the situation of human rights in that country and to monitor the fulfilment by Haiti of its obligations in this field, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-second session,

Recognizing the work carried out by the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for the defence of human rights and welcoming General Assembly resolution 49/27 B of 12 July 1995, in which it decided to authorize the extension of the mandate of the Mission,

1. Expresses its thanks for the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative in favour of the consolidation of democratic institutions in Haiti and the respect for human rights in that country;

2. Welcomes the satisfactory evolution of the political process in Haiti and the holding of legislative and municipal elections and the forthcoming presidential elections, in accordance with the Constitution, as indispensable elements in the strengthening of democratic institutions;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Adama Dieng, on the situation of human rights in Haiti 4/ and the recommendations contained therein;

4. Expresses its concern about the recent incidents of violence, in particular the assassination of a member of the Haitian Parliament, and hopes that such acts and other incidents of violence will not impede continued progress in the field of human rights and the consolidation of constitutional democracy;

5. Welcomes the establishment of the programme of technical cooperation prepared by the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity in the field of human rights, particularly in the areas of legislative reform, training for justice administration personnel and human rights education;

6. Expresses its support for the work currently undertaken by the National Commission of Truth and Justice, with the cooperation of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti, in its investigation of past human rights abuses, and looks forward to its report at the end of 1995;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, through the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights, to take appropriate steps to ensure financial and technical resources for the implementation of such a programme;

4/ A/50/714, annex.

8. Decides to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti at its fifty-first session, on the basis of information provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.